

# **Exhibit 3 – Expert Report of Dr. Soderberg**



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***In re: New Indy Emissions Litigation***

U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina, Rock Hill Division  
Civil Action Nos. 0:21-CV-1480-SAL; 0:21-CV-01704-SAL

**RULE 26(A)(2)(b) REPORT OF KEIR SODERBERG**

Dear Mr. Hoyle:

At your request, I have prepared a report containing my opinions concerning the New Indy Containerboard Facility and, more specifically, the mapping of odor complaints and air modeling results.

This report is based on my education, training and experience as an environmental scientist, my research in the fields of geochemistry and hydrology, as well my review of the discovery materials identified in Attachment C. All of the opinions expressed in my report are based upon a reasonable degree of scientific certainty.

I anticipate receiving additional discovery materials as they become available including any additional depositions of employees or corporate representatives of New-Indy Catawba, LLC ("NI Catawba"), of New-Indy Containerboard, LLC ("NI Containerboard"), and third-party witnesses. Accordingly, I reserve the right to amend this report, as needed, to reflect any such new information.

My billing rate is \$249 per hour for the time I devote to work on this inquiry.

My current CV, including a list of my prior testimony for the prior four years, and of my publications is included as Attachment B to this report.



### **Qualifications**

I am an Associate with S. S. Papadopoulos & Associates, Inc., in Rockville, Maryland. I have worked for this company for more than 15 years. I have an undergraduate degree in civil and environmental engineering from Princeton University, a master's degree in environmental geochemistry from the University of Cape Town, and a Ph.D. in environmental science from the University of Virginia. My Ph.D. focused on isotope geochemistry and hydrology, and I also completed two years of post-doctoral research on the same topics with Princeton University. In my professional career I have specialized in the characterization of chemicals in the environment, including their spatial distribution, potential sources, fate and transport. The mapping of spatial information, such as that discussed in this report, has been an integral part of my research and professional work for more than 20 years.

### **Background on Purpose of Report/What Was Requested**

As you have explained, Plaintiffs are proposed representatives of a class of individuals residing in the area around the New Indy Facility.

You have asked my opinion as to how to map odor complaints, HYSPLIT model results, and AERMOD model results. I mapped odor complaints using information provided by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), and I mapped the model results provided by other experts in this case. The facts and data considered in forming the opinions below are listed in Attachment C.

### **Summary of Opinions**

- Opinion 1: Scientific and mathematical techniques can be utilized to circumscribe the main area of odor complaints, and I applied those techniques to the odor complaint data from DHEC.
  - Basis for Opinion 1: Weekly mapping of odor complaints was provided by DHEC. I combined the weekly maps for four time periods of interest ("Phases") and created an outline of the main area of odor complaints for each phase after excluding outliers using a nearest neighbor analysis.
- Opinion 2: Computer mapping techniques can be used to render HYSPLIT model trajectories and an associated buffer, and I applied those mapping techniques to HYSPLIT model results provided by Dr. Vizuite.
  - Basis for Opinion 2: HYSPLIT model trajectories were provided to me by another expert in this case, Dr. William Vizuite. Dr. Vizuite also indicated that the resolution of the HYSPLIT model input data was 3 kilometers.
- Opinion 3: Computer mapping techniques can be used to render AERMOD modeling results of hydrogen sulfide concentration, and I applied those mapping techniques to AERMOD model results provided by Dr. Hanna.



- Basis for Opinion 3: AERMOD modeling results were provided to me at the direction of another expert in this case, Dr. Steven Hanna. I extracted the continuous contour representing a concentration of 600 parts per billion (ppb) hydrogen sulfide.

### **Detailed Discussion of Opinion #1.**

Opinion 1: Scientific and mathematical techniques can be utilized to circumscribe the main area of odor complaints, and I applied those techniques to the odor complaint data from DHEC.

DHEC provided weekly odor complaint maps compiled as a video available on their website (DHEC 2023a, 2023b). At my direction, my team extracted the odor complaint points from these compiled weekly maps using geospatial image processing tools as detailed in Attachment D of this report. The extracted points were grouped into four phases:

- Phase 1: January through May 2021
- Phase 2: June through August 2021
- Phase 3: September 2021 through August 2022
- Phase 4: September 2022 through November 7, 2022
  - Phase 4 extended: September 2022 through July 10, 2023

For each Phase, a nearest neighbor analysis of outliers (Muhr et al., 2023) was conducted to identify the main odor complaint area. The logic behind this technique is the farther a point is from the next closest points, the more likely it is to be an outlier. For each odor complaint point in a Phase, the mean distance to its ten closest points was calculated, resulting in a distribution of distance values. An outlier was identified as a point with a nearest neighbor distance more than three standard deviations from the average. The non-outliers were then circumscribed by a “convex hull” (*i.e.*, the convex polygon that encloses a set of points with the shortest perimeter) to ensure that none were excluded from the outline of the main odor complaint area for each Phase. The results of this analysis, the odor complaint points and odor complaint areas for each Phase, are shown in Figures 1-1 through 1-5.

During our analysis, DHEC provided additional mapping for Phase 4 (DHEC, 2023b). We have incorporated these into a Phase 4 extended mapping. We noted that Phase 4 extended had a different type of statistical distribution, making a non-parametric outlier cutoff more appropriate. Therefore, we used the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile to identify outliers in the Phase 4 extended map. We also applied the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile cutoff to the other three phases with similar results to the initial mapping (Figures 1-6 and 1-7).

I also calculated the areas (ESRI Arcmap 10.8.1) within each of the outlines shown on Figures 1-1 through 1-7, and used U.S. Census data (U. S. Census Bureau, 2022) to determine the population within each outline. To avoid overcounting the population in census tabulation blocks that overlapped the edge of the outline of interest, the population in each block was scaled





down in proportion to the fraction of the block that fell within the outline of interest. The resulting areas and populations are as follows:

- Phase 1, Figure 1-1 (three standard deviations): 511 square miles, population 527,936
- Phase 2, Figure 1-2 (three standard deviations): 420 square miles, population 455,890
- Phase 3, Figure 1-3 (three standard deviations): 420 square miles, population 410,301
- Phase 4, Figure 1-4 (three standard deviations): 232 square miles, population 221,695
- Phase 4 extended, Figure 1-6 (99<sup>th</sup> percentile): 343 square miles, population 319,283
- Phase 1, Figure 1-7 (99<sup>th</sup> percentile): 526 square miles, population 546,884
- Phase 2, Figure 1-7 (99<sup>th</sup> percentile): 420 square miles, population 455,890
- Phase 3, Figure 1-7 (99<sup>th</sup> percentile): 401 square miles, population 396,464

The following addresses for class representatives were geolocated and plotted on Figures 1-1 through 1-7.

- Orrin & Melda Gain: 722 Kathy Dianne Drive, Indian Land, SC 29707
- Terri & Marty Kennedy: 362 Cotton Field Road, Indian Land, SC 29707
- Enrique & Sansanee Lizano: 6046 Drave Lane, Fort Mill, SC 29720
- Shane & Tracie Nickell: 4114 Lesslie Highway, Catawba, SC 29704
- Amanda & Shara Swager: 3176 Greenwood Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730
- Kenny White: 9932 Mitchell Glen Drive, Charlotte, NC 28277

The conclusion that scientific and mathematical techniques can be utilized to circumscribe the main area of odor complaints is held with a reasonable degree of scientific certainty.

### **Detailed Discussion of Opinion #2.**

Opinion 2: Computer mapping techniques can be used to render HYSPLIT model trajectories and an associated buffer, and I applied those mapping techniques to HYSPLIT model results provided by Dr. Vizuite.

The HYSPLIT model from the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (<https://www.ready.noaa.gov/HYSPLIT.php>) provides air-parcel back-trajectories on an hourly basis. Dr. William Vizuite provided five trajectories, which I mapped as lines with a 1.5 kilometer buffer on each side of the lines (Figures 2-1 through 2-4). This mapping was done using ESRI's ArcMap software (Version 10.8.1). The overall width of the buffer reflects the 3 kilometer resolution of the input data to HYSPLIT, as specified by Dr. Vizuite.

Also shown on Figures 2-1 through 2-4 are odor complaints in the buffer zone that occurred on the same day as the HYSPLIT trajectory. The daily odor complaint information was supplied by DHEC to Dr. Vizuite who geo-located the odor complaints and provided the spatial coordinates to me.



The conclusion that computer mapping can be used to render HYSPLIT trajectories and associated buffers is held with a reasonable degree of scientific certainty.

### **Detailed Discussion of Opinion #3.**

Opinion 3: Computer mapping techniques can be used to render AERMOD modeling results of hydrogen sulfide concentration, and I applied those mapping techniques to AERMOD model results provided by Dr. Hanna.

AERMOD model results for hydrogen sulfide concentrations, overall maximum averaged over a 30-minute interval, were provided to me under the direction of Dr. Steven Hanna. Two types of results were provided: interpolated results, and raw data points. I mapped a continuous contour from Dr. Hanna's interpolated results representing 600 ppb hydrogen sulfide (Figure 3-1).

For comparison, I also mapped the raw data points after performing a LOESS smoothing procedure (Figure 3-2). The raw data points are arranged in 360 rays, each representing one degree of a circle centered on the New Indy Facility. For each degree, I determined the maximum distance from the center of the circle where the model calculated a concentration exceeding 600 ppb. I then arranged these 360 data points as a linear sequence, with 20 data points wrapped at each end to allow the smoothed ends to match, and created a curve using LOESS smoothing (span parameter of 0.11; r-package gamlss).

I also determined the area and population within the hydrogen sulfide concentration outlines shown in Figures 3-1 and 3-2 using the same methodology as described under Opinion 1 above. The resulting areas and populations are as follows:

- Hydrogen Sulfide 600 ppb, Figure 3-1 (AERMOD contour): 1,227 square miles; population 843,742.
- Hydrogen Sulfide 600 ppb, Figure 3-2 (LOESS smoothed contour): 1,057 square miles; population 778,480.

The conclusion that computer mapping can be used to render AERMOD modeling results of hydrogen sulfide concentration is held with a reasonable degree of scientific certainty.

### **Conclusion**

The mapping performed as a basis for Opinion 1 confirms that the odor complaint data points for each Phase can be circumscribed in a reproducible way that represents and reflects the information provided by DHEC. If additional odor complaint data becomes available, these maps can be updated.



The mapping performed as a basis for Opinion 2 represents and reflects the results of HYSPLIT modeling and uncertainty information provided by Dr. Vizuite.

The mapping performed as a basis for Opinion 3 represents and reflects the results of AERMOD modeling provided by Dr. Hanna.

Sincerely,

Keir Soderberg, PhD

Attachments:

- A. Figures
- B. Curriculum vitae of Expert
- C. Materials Considered
- D. Geospatial Image Processing

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## **Attachment A**

### **Figures**

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**Attachment A: Figures**

Figure 1-1. Odor Complaints, Phase 1

Figure 1-2. Odor Complaints, Phase 2

Figure 1-3. Odor Complaints, Phase 3

Figure 1-4. Odor Complaints, Phase 4

Figure 1-5. Odor Complaints, Phases 1 through 4

Figure 1-6. Odor Complaints, Phase 4 extended

Figure 1-7. Odor Complaints, Phases 1 through 4 extended

Figure 2-1. HYSPLIT Model Results, August 30, 2021

Figure 2-2. HYSPLIT Model Results, November 11, 2021

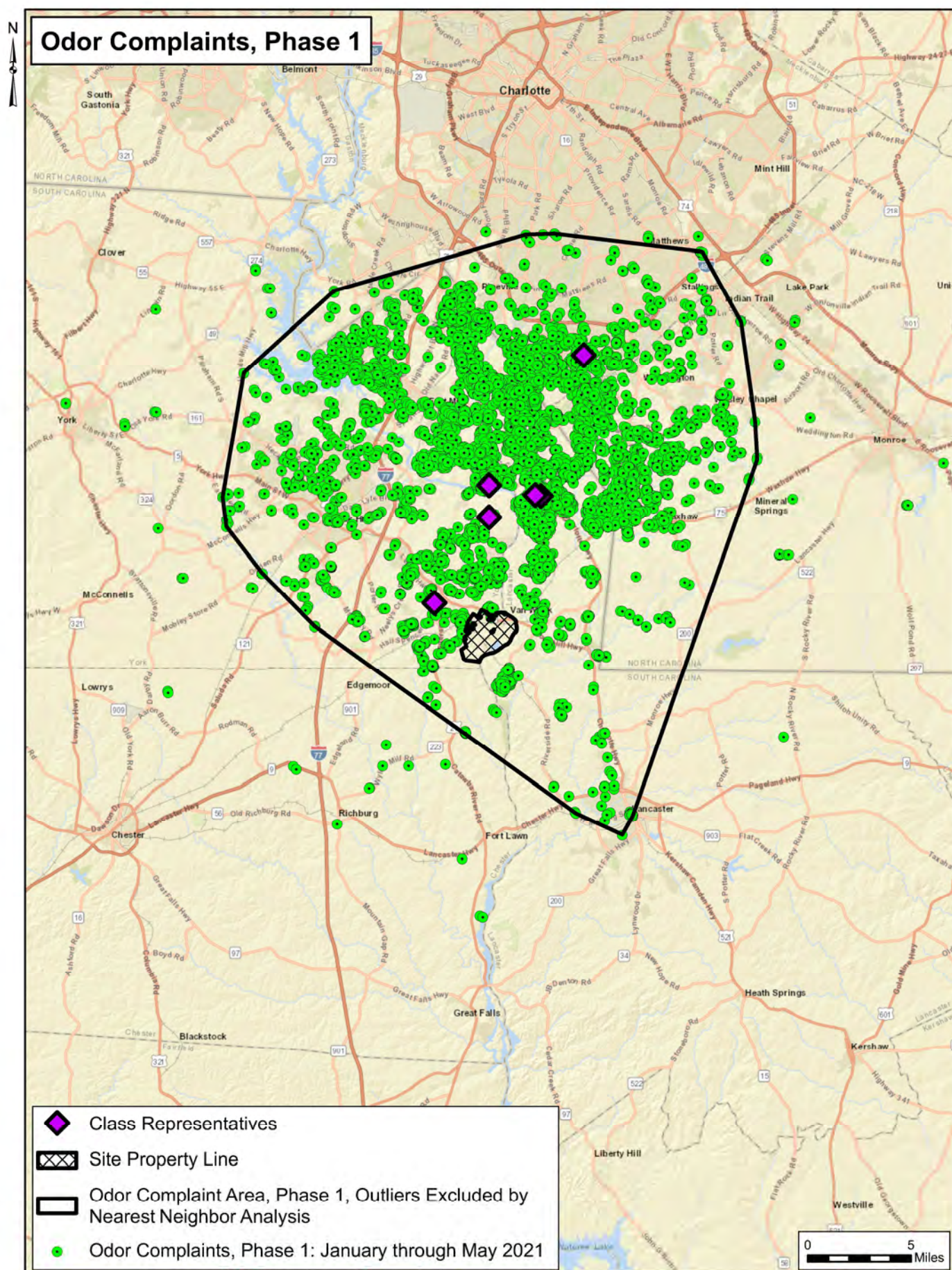
Figure 2-3. HYSPLIT Model Results, October 15, 2022

Figure 2-4. HYSPLIT Model Results, All Days

Figure 3-1. AERMOD Model Results

Figure 3-2. AERMOD Model Results with LOESS Smoothing

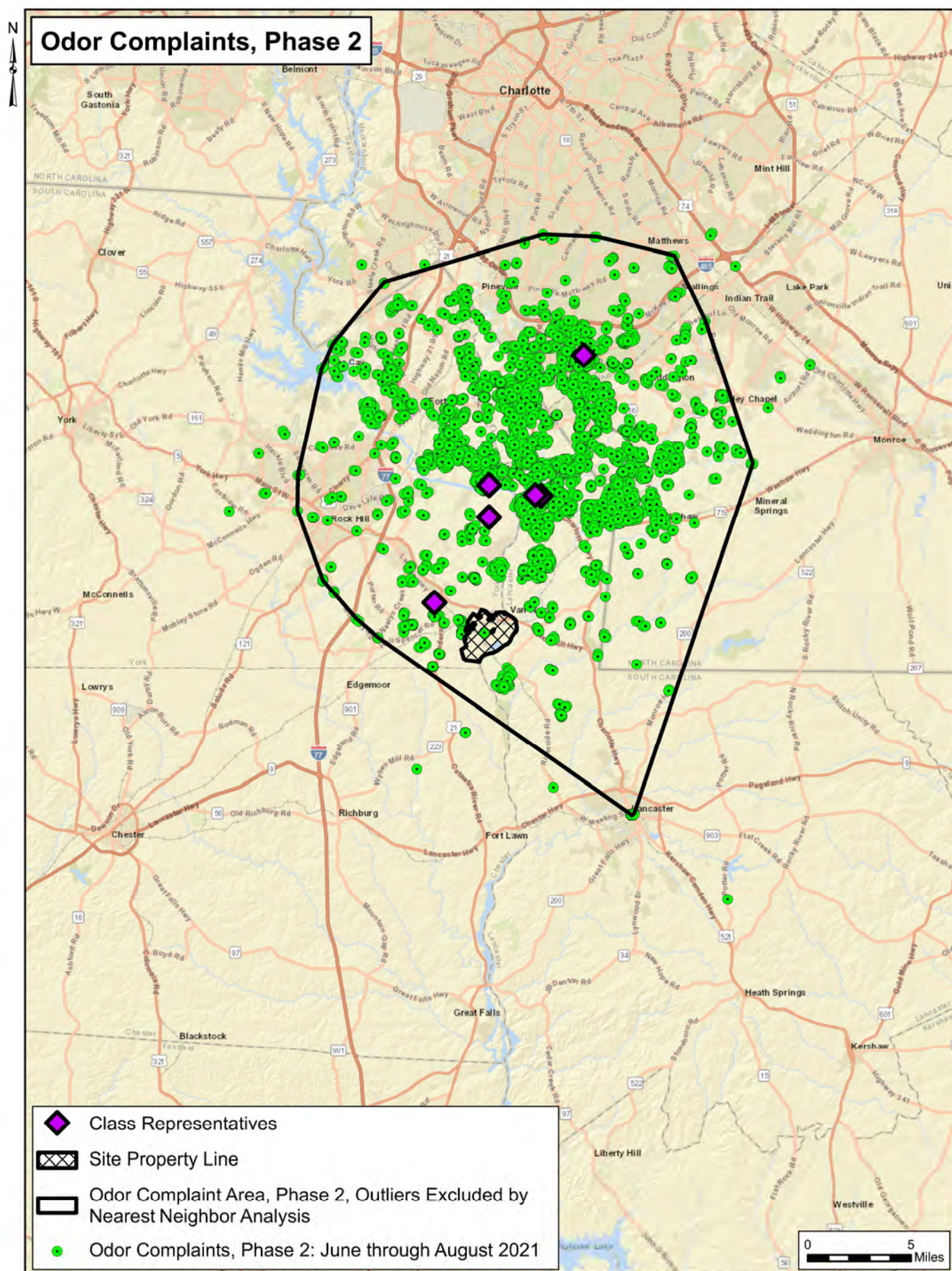




Data Sources: South Carolina DHEC. New Indy Odor Investigation,  
<https://scdhec.gov/environment/environmental-sites-projects-permits-interest/new-indy-odor-investigation>  
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**Figure 1-1. Odor Complaints, Phase 1**

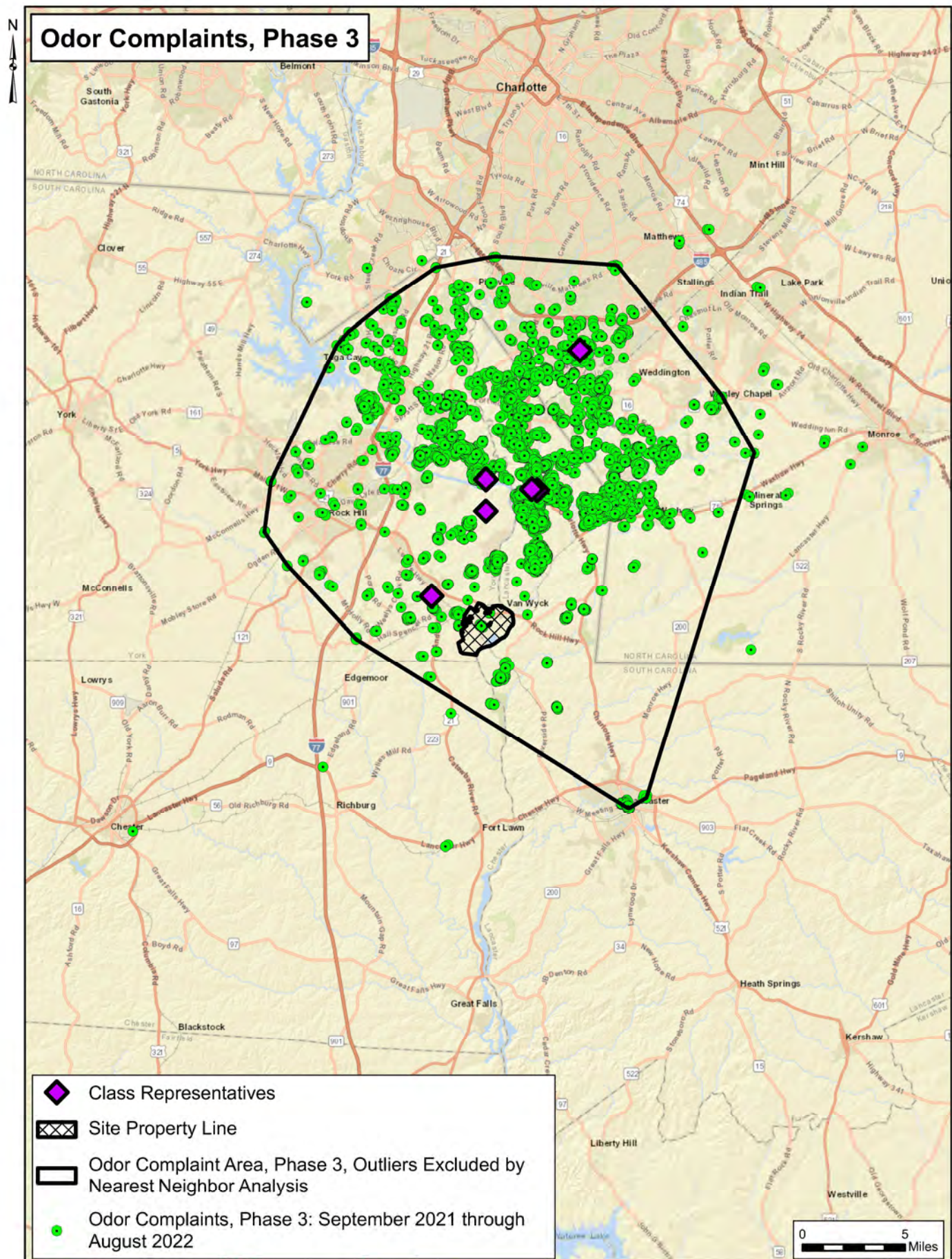




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**Figure 1-2. Odor Complaints, Phase 2**

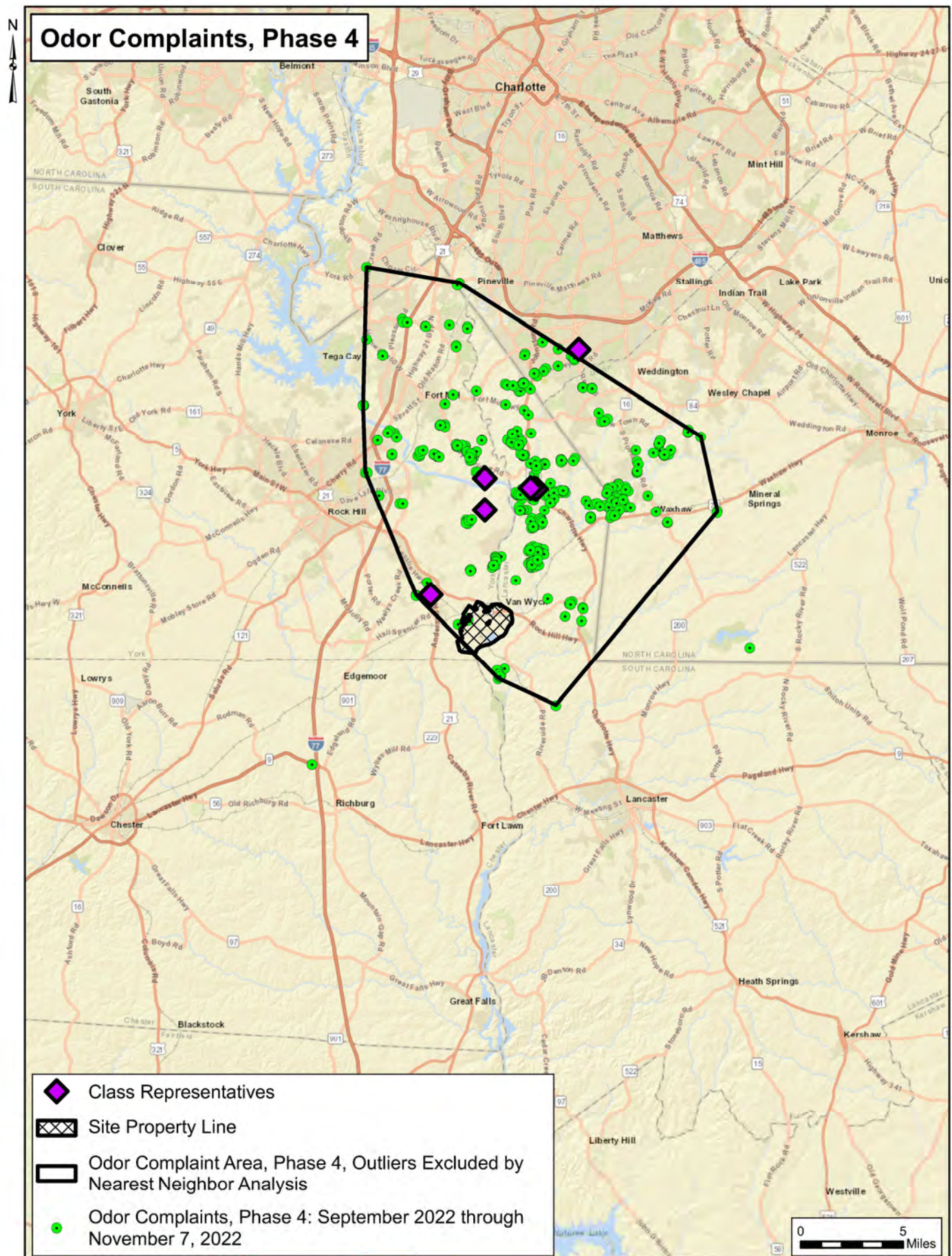




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**Figure 1-3. Odor Complaints, Phase 3**

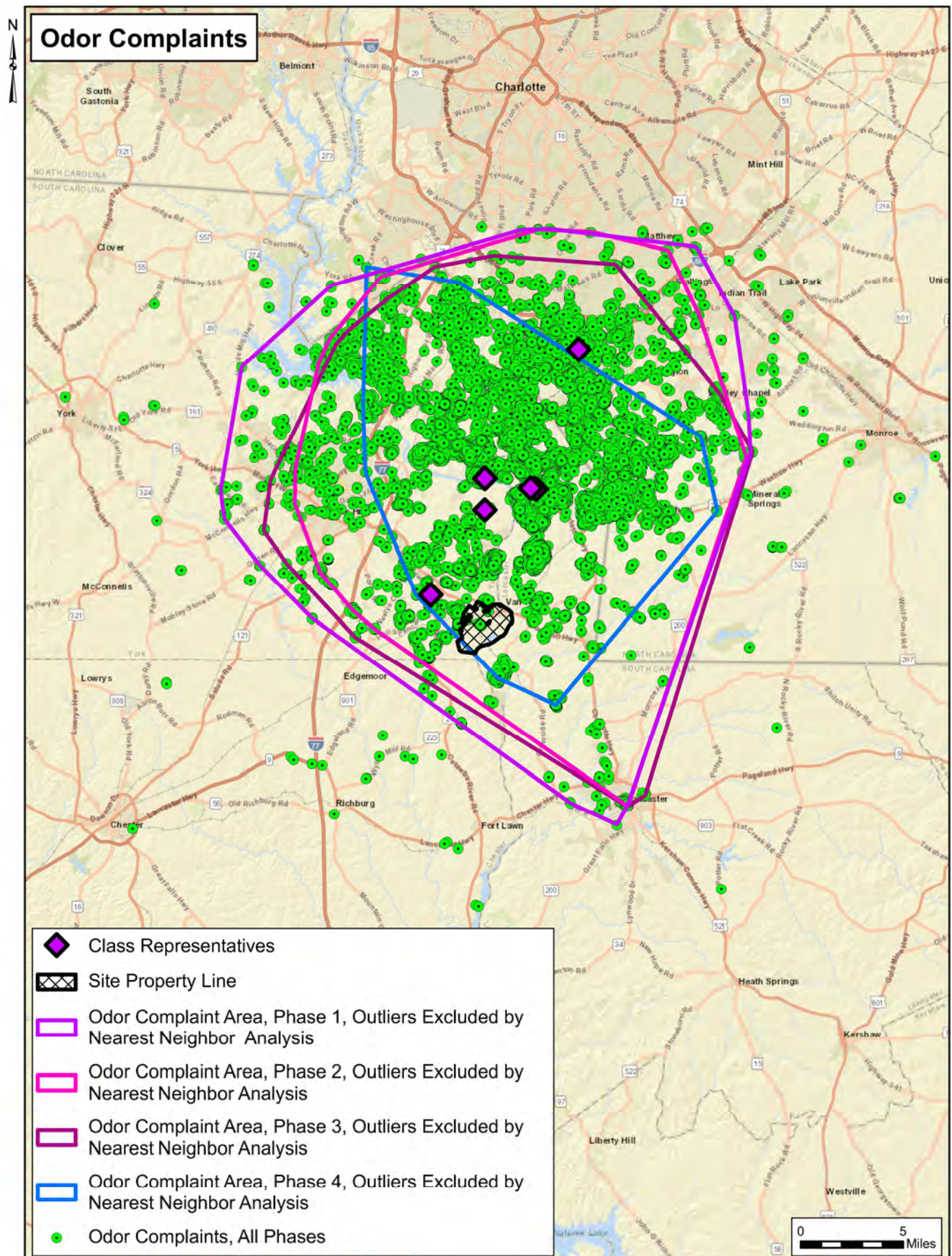




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**Figure 1-4. Odor Complaints, Phase 4**

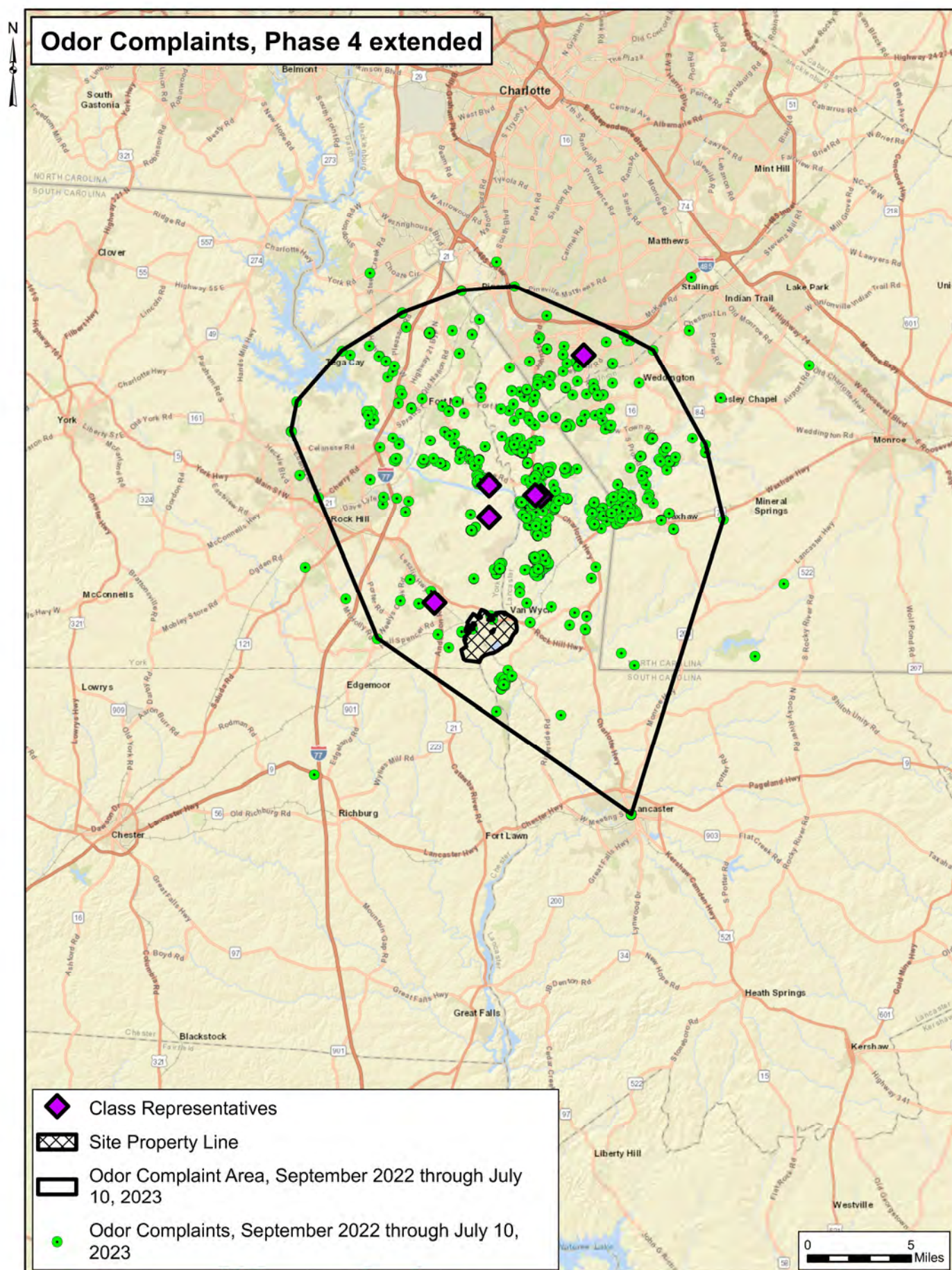




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**Figure 1-5. Odor Complaints, Phases 1 through 4**

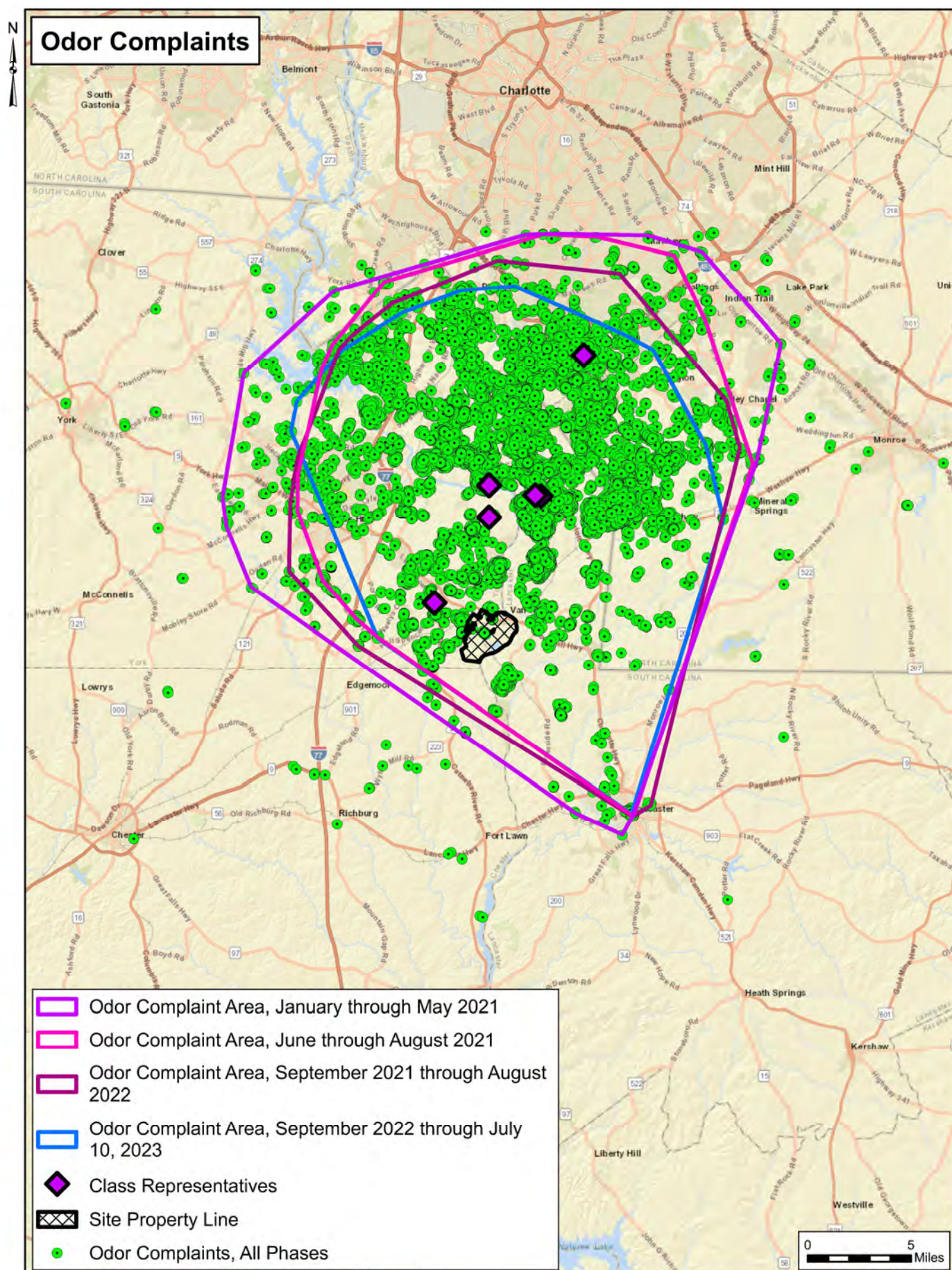




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**Figure 1-6. Odor Complaints, Phase 4 Extended**

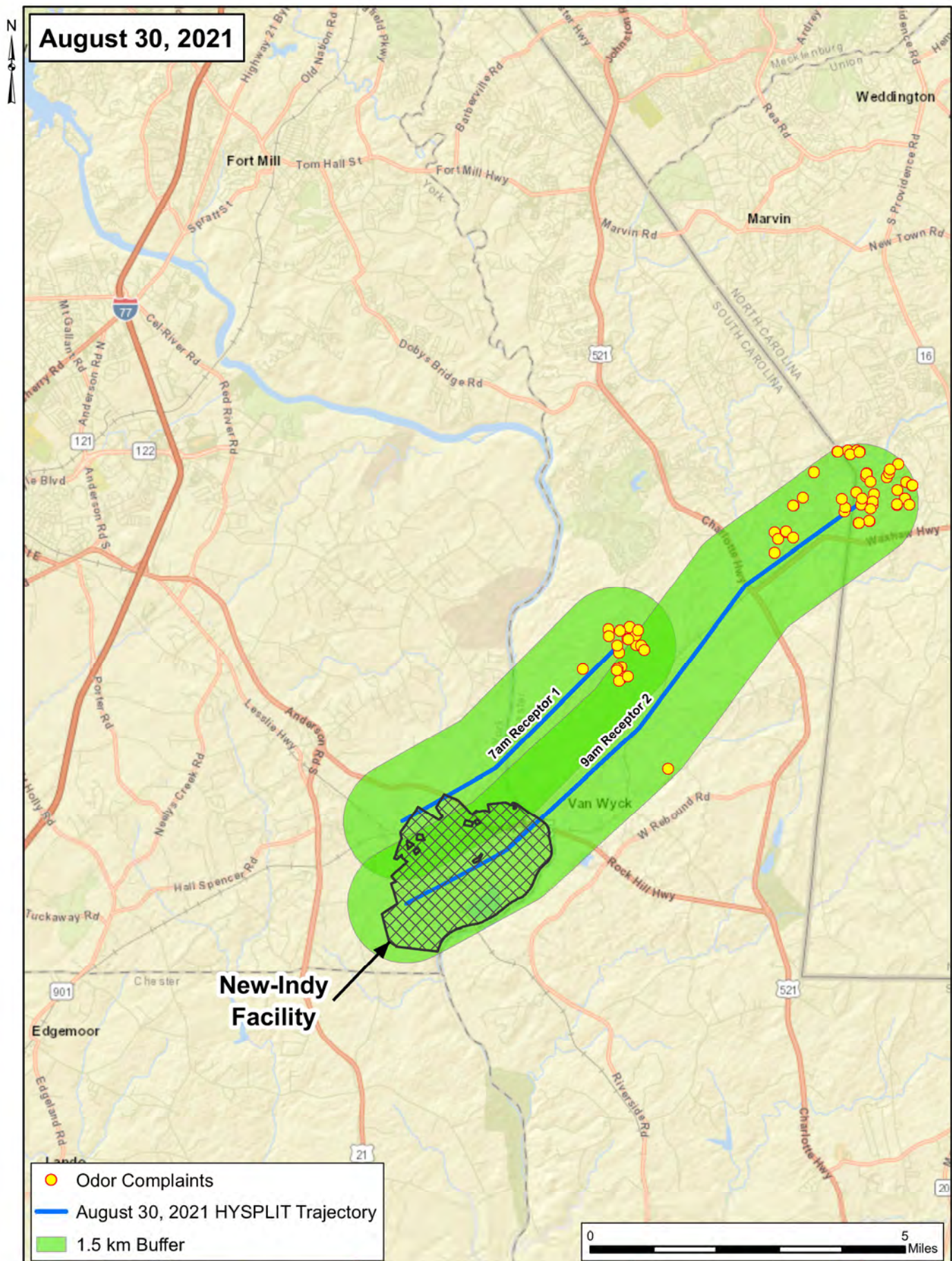




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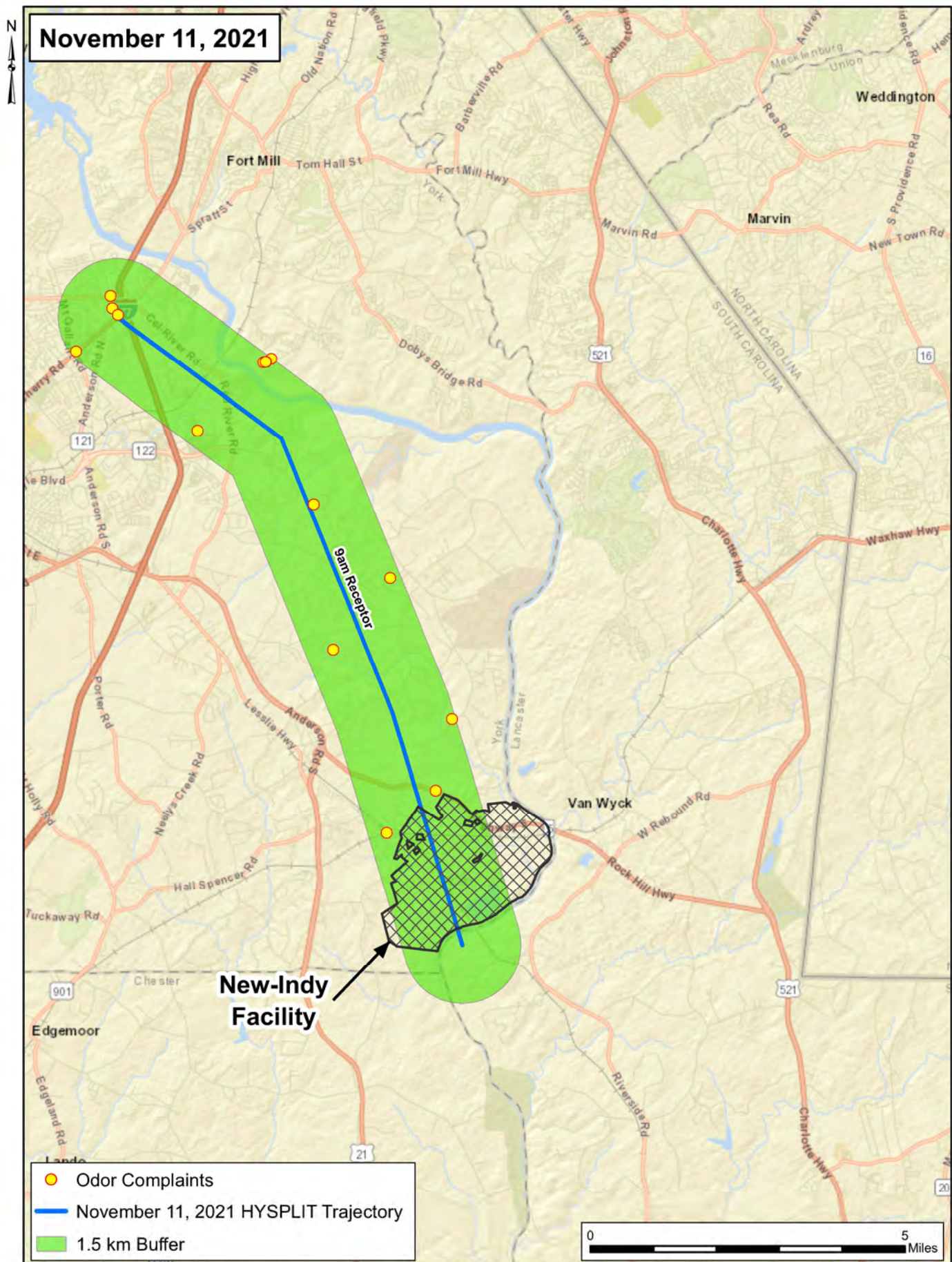
**Figure 1-7. Odor Complaints, Phases 1 through 4 Extended**





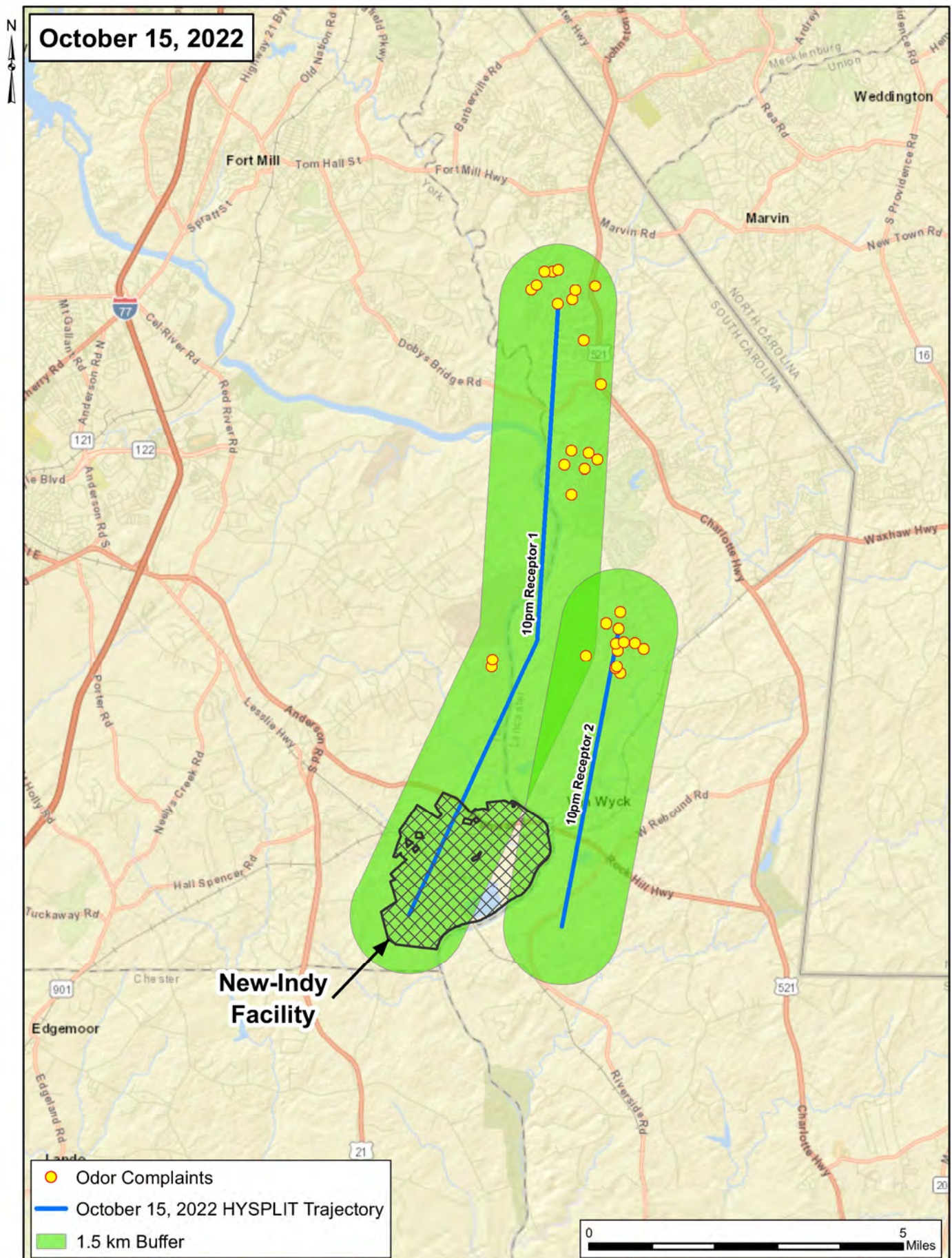
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**Figure 2-2. HYSPLIT Model Results, November 11, 2021**





**Figure 2-3. HYSPLIT Model Results, October 15, 2022**



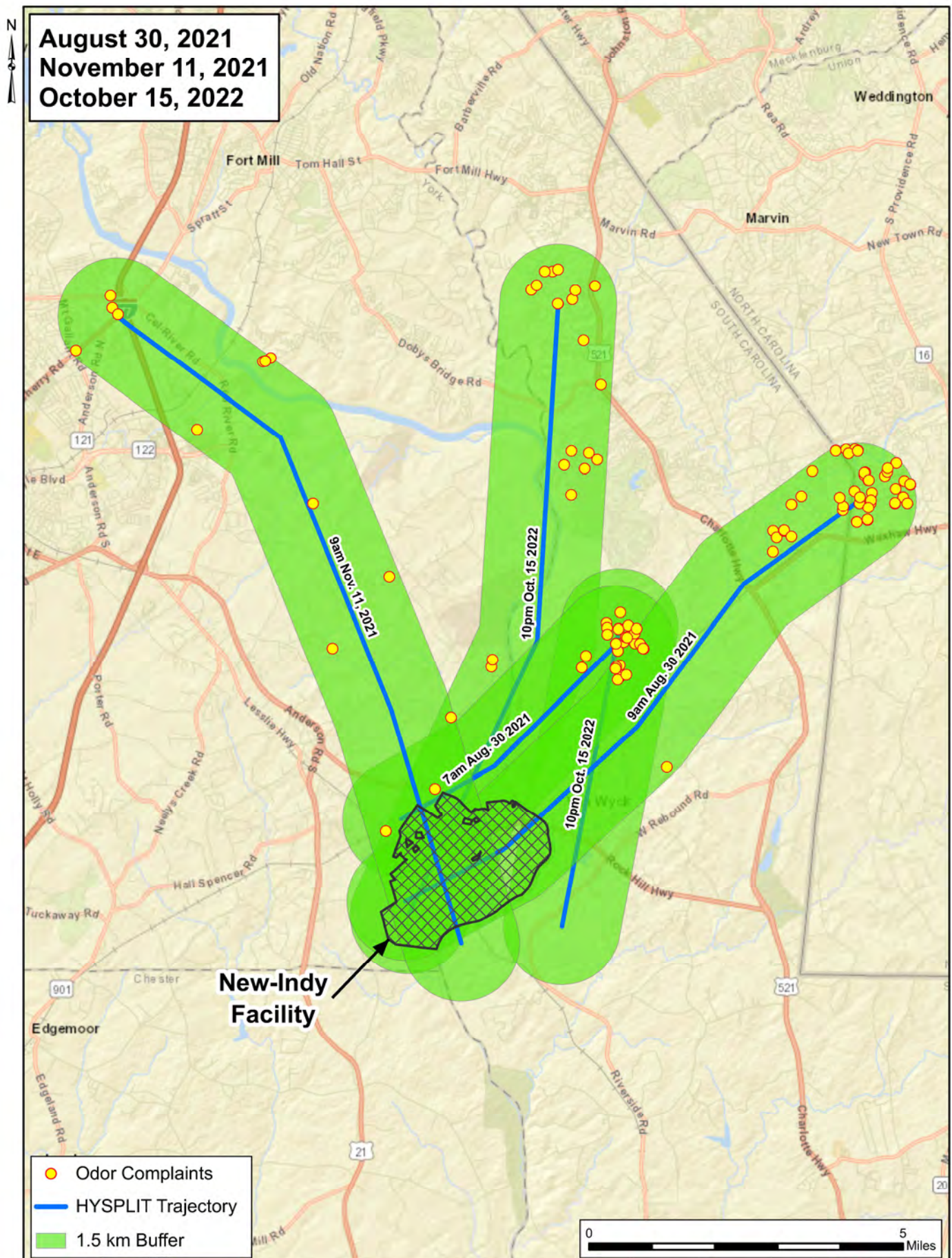


Figure 2-4. HYSPLIT Model Results, All Days



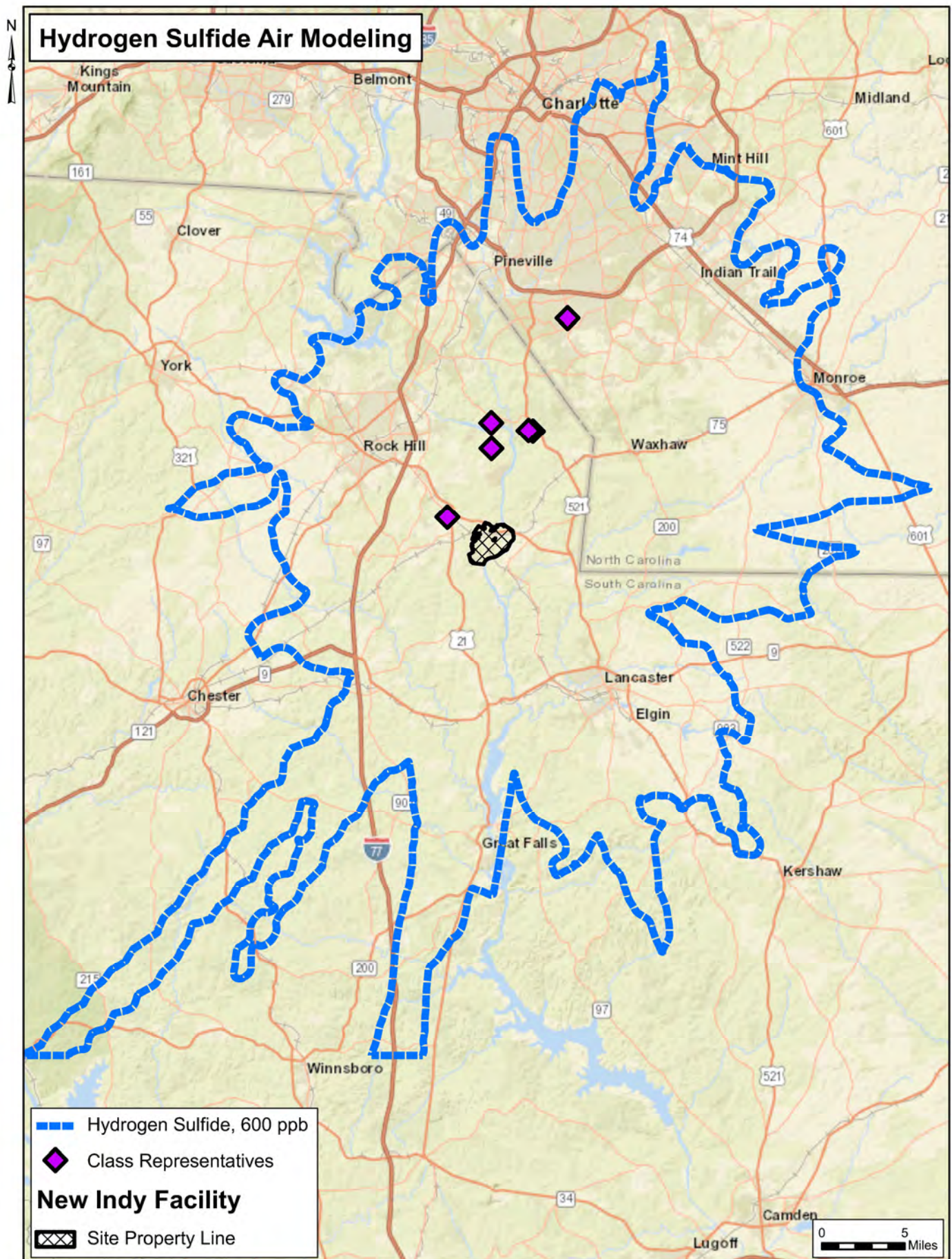


Figure 3-1. AERMOD Model Results



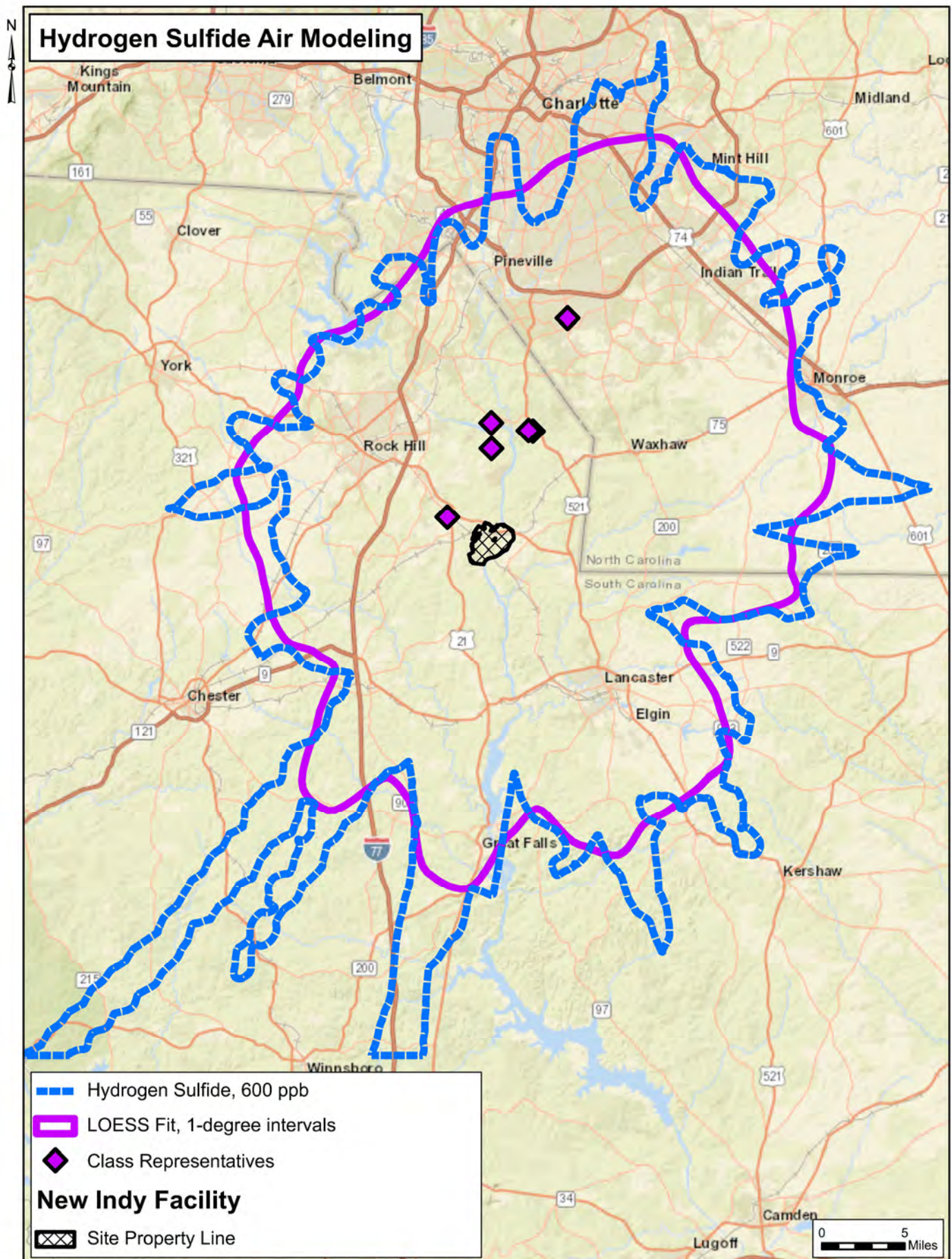


Figure 3-2. AERMOD Model Results with LOESS Smoothing

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## **Attachment B**

### **Curriculum vitae of Expert**

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## KEIR SODERBERG

Associate, Senior Geochemist

### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Isotope Hydrology
- Biogeochemistry
- Ecohydrology
- Field Instrumentation
- Analytical Chemistry
- Environmental Forensics

### SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Dr. Soderberg's expertise covers isotope hydrology, environmental geochemistry, ecohydrology, and human impacts on ecosystems. His experience, including five years in sub-Saharan Africa, has involved project development, field and laboratory chemistry, analysis of satellite imagery, geochemical modeling, and management of large datasets. Through the combination of rapid *in situ* measurements of water isotopes and eddy covariance flux technology, Dr. Soderberg has helped advance the understanding of evapotranspiration dynamics in semi-arid lands. He has also utilized multiple stable and radiogenic isotope tracers to determine the impacts of atmospheric inputs on ecosystem functioning.

With SSP&A, Dr. Soderberg has had extensive experience with environmental forensics, allocation of remedial costs, site characterization, and the evaluation of remedial alternatives. These projects have involved the characterization and remediation of groundwater, surface water, soil, and sediments. Some of the chemical constituents that Dr. Soderberg has evaluated (e.g., for source identification, background determination, fate and transport) include perchlorate, pharmaceuticals, radionuclides, per/polyfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and dioxins/furans.

### REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

**S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates, Inc.**, Rockville, Maryland

#### ENVIRONMENTAL FORENSICS, LITIGATION, AND ALLOCATION

- **State of Minnesota v. 3M Company**, East Metro Area, Minnesota — The State brought this litigation against 3M for damaging natural resources through the release of PFAS. Dr. Soderberg collected water and sediment samples to characterize PFAS distribution across a 200 square mile area to help characterize the extent of natural resources impacts for this litigation. He provided an expert report and deposition testimony about the sample collection and data quality evaluation. The litigation was settled for \$850 million prior to trial.
- **Private Client**, Berry's Creek, New Jersey — Established a framework for allocating remedial costs that incorporated the spatial distribution of chemicals of concern (e.g., mercury, PCBs, chromium) in sediments, uplands soil concentrations, the history of usage in hundreds of potential sources, and sediment transport dynamics. A forensic evaluation of PCB sources involved the analysis of congener data as well as manual chromatogram review for Aroclor determination.
- **Private Client**, Union City, Indiana — Used geochemical signatures in soils and river sediments for PCB source allocation considering both calibrated and raw analytical data. This analysis involved automated extraction and processing of raw data for all quantitated chromatographic peaks, as well

#### YEARS OF EXPERIENCE: 15+

#### EDUCATION

**PhD**, Environmental Sciences,  
University of Virginia, 2010  
**MS**, Environmental Geochemistry,  
University of Cape Town, 2003  
**BSE**, Civil and Environmental  
Engineering, Princeton University,  
2000

#### PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

**S.S. Papadopoulos & Associates, Inc.**,  
Associate, 2018 to present  
Senior Scientist, 2016 – 2018; Senior  
Project Geochemist, 2013 – 2016;  
Project Geochemist, 2012 – 2013; Staff  
Geochemist, 2003 – 2007; Intern, 2000  
**Princeton University, Postdoctoral**  
Research Associate, Dept. Civil and  
Environmental Engineering, 2010 –  
2012  
**University of Virginia**, Teaching and  
Research Assistant, Dept. of  
Environmental Sciences, 2006 – 2009  
**Desert Research Foundation of**  
**Namibia**, Fulbright Scholar, 2007  
**University of Cape Town**, Princeton-in-  
Africa Fellow, Assistant Lecturer, Dept.  
of Mathematics and Applied  
Mathematics, 2001 – 2002





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as working directly with the laboratory to discuss changes in operating conditions and to run specialized standards.

- **Cuppels et al. v. Mountaire Corporation**, Millsboro, Delaware — A class action lawsuit was brought against Mountaire for the release of nitrogen and other chemicals from a poultry processing facility. Dr. Soderberg analyzed nitrogen loading from the application of fertilizer, wastewater, and sludge on agricultural fields and forested areas. Transformation of nitrogen species as well as leaching to groundwater and surface water were assessed in the context of groundwater flow patterns and total nitrogen loads in the watershed. Mountaire agreed to a \$65 million settlement for injuries and damages allegedly caused by Mountaire's environmental practices. A separate but related consent decree with the State of Delaware required the company to spend \$120 million to upgrade its wastewater treatment facility and another \$20 million to maintain safe practices.
- **Private Client**, New Mexico — Provided an analysis of geochemical signatures relating to uranium mining activities to evaluate the impacts of both underground mining and surface activities such as the management of exploratory borehole cuttings and mill tailings storage.
- **Private Client**, Elmira, Ontario — Assisted in the development and evaluation of geochemical models using stable isotopes and major ion chemistry. The models were used for the allocation of ammonia loading to two potential source areas.
- **Private Client**, Louisiana — Used stable isotopes ( $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ,  $\delta^{18}\text{O}$ , and  $\delta^2\text{H}$ ) of dissolved carbon dioxide and methane to help interpret patterns and processes relating to methane in shallow groundwater before and after the excavation of petroleum-impacted soil.
- **U.S. Department of Justice**, Georgia — Evaluated the residual impact of a recycling operation that handled solvent-impacted materials.
- **City of Portland**, Oregon — Used PCB patterns and the presence of associated chlorinated compounds in soil and sediment samples for the identification of likely sources of PCBs to the Willamette River.
- **Private Client**, South Carolina — Interpreted noble gas isotope results for age-dating of groundwater. Worked with a university laboratory to design an appropriate sampling protocol, arrange for analyses, and discuss the results.

### REMEDIAL DESIGN AND EVALUATION

- **Private Client**, Oklahoma — A former missile motor cleanout site required characterization of perchlorate, nitrate and other constituents related to rocket propellants in soil and groundwater. In support of remediation and litigation, Dr. Soderberg evaluated background perchlorate concentrations, determined the extent of site-related perchlorate in groundwater, and helped develop remedial actions at a former spent missile processing facility. The evaluation also included research into the evolution of analytical techniques for perchlorate over time. This is an ongoing remediation involving *in situ* (e.g., bioreactor) and *ex situ* (e.g., ion exchange) treatment of perchlorate that Dr. Soderberg has been working on for more than 10 years.
- **Private Client**, Illinois — Delivered testimony commenting on the coal ash management rules proposed by the Illinois EPA.
- **U.S. Department of Justice**, Idaho — Provided an analysis of herbicide transport and degradation rates in agricultural soils.
- **Private Client**, Pensacola, Florida — Provided statistical analysis of trends in chemical data, and evaluated radionuclide analytical data quality for an agrichemical facility.
- **Private Client**, Mississippi — Helped select and evaluate devices for obtaining samples of groundwater with high concentrations of methane in a deep aquifer. Also used stable isotopes to evaluate the source of free gas in surface water.



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- **U.S. Department of Justice, Maine** — Evaluated the remediation of chromium contamination in sludge drying lagoons associated with a chrome tanning operation.

### Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

During two years at Professor Kelly Caylor's Ecohydrology Laboratory at Mpala Research Center in Kenya, managed a stable isotope laboratory, an eddy covariance flux tower, and field monitoring activities. This work used stable isotopes of water to investigate evapotranspiration dynamics, and ultimately to measure water-use efficiency at the landscape scale. A unique aspect of this work is the continuous (1 Hz) measurement of water vapor isotopes in the field. Hired and trained four Kenyan research assistants, and mentored several undergraduate student interns.

### University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia

PhD research on the water relations and geochemistry of desert ecosystems in the Central Namib Desert, Namibia. Stable isotopes were used to investigate nutrient cycling, fog-dust interactions, and the amount of fog water used by various species including the floristically unique *Welwitschia mirabilis*. Served as Teaching Assistant on several courses at the University of Virginia including GIS Methods, Engineering in Community Settings, and the study abroad course *People, Culture and Environment of Southern Africa*.

### University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa

Studied the geochemistry of fynbos ecosystems in the Cape Floristic Region biodiversity hotspot. The research focused on the cycling and origin of minor and micro-nutrients for the vegetation in a poorly buffered, acidic environment. Isotopes of lead and strontium were a useful complement to differentiate urban, terrestrial and marine inputs.

### PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

International Association of Geochemistry  
National Groundwater Association  
American Geophysical Union

### AWARDS AND HONORS

**Top Downloaded Paper**, Ecohydrology, 2018-2019  
**AGU Citation for Excellence in Reviewing**, JGR-Biogeosciences, 2018  
**Buchner W. Clay Fellowship**, University of Virginia, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2009  
**G.A. Harris Fellowship**, Decagon Devices, Inc., 2009  
**Michael Garstang Award for Interdisciplinary Research in Atmospheric Sciences**, University of Virginia, Department of Environmental Sciences, 2008  
**Huskey Research Symposium Award**, University of Virginia, 2008  
**Fulbright Scholarship**, Desert Research Foundation of Namibia, 2006

### APPOINTMENTS

2013–2023: Reviewer for Journal of Hydrology  
2023: Reviewer for Agricultural and Forest Meteorology Journal  
2022: Proposal Reviewer for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, STAR Program  
2015–2022: Reviewer for Journal of Geophysical Research – Biogeosciences  
2021: Reviewer for Scientific Data Journal  
2013–2021: Reviewer for Geoderma  
2012–2020: Reviewer for Ecohydrology





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2018: External PhD Committee Member, Department of Earth Sciences, IUPUI  
 2017–2018: Reviewer for Journal of Geophysical Research – Atmospheres  
 2015: Reviewer for Hydrological Processes  
 2013: Proposal Reviewer for the National Science Foundation, Hydrologic Sciences  
 2011: Reviewer for Geophysical Research Letters

### PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS (\* peer reviewed journal)

- \*Zahn, E., E. Bou-Zeid, S. Good, G.G. Katul, C.K. Thomas, K. Ghannam, J.A. Smith, M. Chamecki, N.L. Dias, J.D. Fuentes, J.G. Alfieri, H. Kwon, K. Caylor, Z. Gao, K. Soderberg, N.E. Bambach, L.E. Hips, J.H. Prueger and W.P. Kustas, 2022. Direct Partitioning of Eddy-Covariance Water Vapor and Carbon Dioxide Fluxes into Ground and Plant Components. *Agricultural and Forest Meteorology*: v. 315: 108790. doi: 10.1016/j.agrformet.2021.108790.
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- \*Chambers, L.G., et al., 2016. Developing the Scientific Framework for Urban Geochemistry. *Applied Geochemistry*, v. 67, pp. 1-20.
- Soderberg, K., D.P. McCarthy and R.J-C. Hennet, 2015. Volatilization of Polychlorinated Biphenyls: Implication for their Distribution, Forensics and Toxicity in Urban Environments. Presentation at the Geological Society of America Annual Meeting, November 1-4, 2015, Baltimore, MD.
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## **Attachment C**

### **Materials Considered**

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**Attachment C: Materials Considered**

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## **Attachment D**

### **Geospatial Image Processing**

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### **Attachment D: Geospatial Image Processing**

Video files (DHEC 2023a and 2023b) containing still images of weekly odor complaint maps were acquired at full resolution as MP4 files using an online application entitled YouTube Video Downloader (<https://en2.onlinevideoconverter.pro/103bM/youtube-video-downloader>), converted to still frames as bitmap (.bmp) files, converted to Portable Network Graphics (.png) files, and georeferenced using QGIS v 3.18 referring to Google Maps data served as Web Mapping Service (WMS) tiles.

Odor complaint features were extracted by subtracting the pixel values from each extracted video frame from values in the “Week 0” frame (representing the week of January 4, 2021), which included no odor complaint points. Pixels for which the difference from Week 0 exceeded a threshold value ( $\pm 0.1$  Value units when pixel RGB values are converted to HSV, where range = [0, 1]) were masked for inclusion in the vector feature extraction stage.

Pixel regions from masked frames were segmented into individual vector features using the Large Scale Meanshift Segmentation (LSMS) procedure in Orfeo Toolbox v. 8.1.2 (<https://www.orfeo-toolbox.org/>), which groups contiguous regions of similar pixels and converts them to polygons. Multiple iterations of the procedure helped identify suitable meanshift parameters for segmenting the datasets. Due to the differing video resolutions and feature symbol sizes in the two videos, pixel similarity and region size parameters are not identical between the two analyses. Polygons identified for each frame were exported as ESRI Shapefiles for further analysis. Shapefiles generated by the LSMS procedure were imported into R v. 4.2.1 (<https://r-project.org>) as Simple Features (SF) data using the sf package (version 1.0-14). Polygon features were spatially reprojected into North Carolina State Plane WGS84 coordinates and processed to identify the centroid, or center point calculated from the area, of each polygon feature. The linear distance between each feature centroid and all other feature centroids was calculated using the st\_distance function and, in order to reduce overcounting of features resulting from LSMS segmentation of image noise (outer fringes of pixel features blending with the background map), centroids less than 100 ft away from another centroid were aggregated to a single point.

Feature centroids were grouped by date range into phases, and the average distance from each point to the 10 nearest points within each phase was calculated as a measure of the relative isolation of each feature from other features in the dataset.